connection or a wireless connection. In the case of a wireless connection, the network/bus interface **516** can include a wireless transceiver.

[0073] In another embodiment, a media player can be used with a docking station. The docking station can provide wireless communication capability (e.g., wireless transceiver) for the media player, such that the media player can communicate with a host device using the wireless communication capability when docked at the docking station. The docking station may or may not be itself portable.

[0074] The wireless network, connection or channel can be radio-frequency based, so as to not require line-of-sight arrangement between sending and receiving devices. Hence, synchronization can be achieved while a media player remains in a bag, vehicle or other container.

[0075] The host device can also be a media player. In such case, the synchronization of media items can between two media players.

[0076] Although the media items of emphasis in several of the above embodiments were audio items (e.g., audio files or songs), the media items are not limited to audio items. For example, the media item can alternatively pertain to videos (e.g., movies) or images (e.g., photos).

[0077] The various aspects, embodiments, implementations or features of the invention can be used separately or in any combination.

[0078] The invention is preferably implemented by software, but can also be implemented in hardware or a combination of hardware and software. The invention can also be embodied as computer readable code on a computer readable medium. The computer readable medium is any data storage device that can store data which can thereafter be read by a computer system. Examples of the computer readable medium include read-only memory, random-access memory, CD-ROMs, DVDs, magnetic tape, optical data storage devices, and carrier waves. The computer readable medium can also be distributed over network-coupled computer systems so that the computer readable code is stored and executed in a distributed fashion.

[0079] While this invention has been described in terms of several preferred embodiments, there are alterations, permutations, and equivalents, which fall within the scope of this invention. For example, the portable handheld computing device may serve as a visual indicator for a host device or other device operatively coupled thereto. It should also be noted that there are many alternative ways of implementing the methods and apparatuses of the present invention. It is therefore intended that the following appended claims be interpreted as including all such alterations, permutations, and equivalents as fall within the true spirit and scope of the present invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A system comprising:

a display configured to display a graphical user interface, wherein the graphical user interface (GUI) is configured to display a plurality of playlists, wherein each playlist of the plurality of playlists comprises a plurality of songs;

an input device configured to receive a selection of a playlist from the plurality of playlists via the GUI; and

a processor configured to control a light level transmitted by display according to a playlist, which is selected from the plurality of playlists, wherein the processor is configured to control the light level using a preset intensity pattern assigned to the selected playlist.

2. The system of claim **1**, wherein the processor is configured to alternate the light level between light modes of a plurality of light modes according to the playlist selected, and wherein at least one of the playlists of the plurality of playlists corresponds to a light beacon effect associated with at least one of the light modes of the plurality of light modes.

3. The system of claim **2**, wherein the light beacon effect is configured to alert others of the presence of the system.

4. The system of claim **1**, wherein the plurality of playlists comprises another playlist that corresponds to the music mode.

5. The system of claim **4**, wherein the music mode varies the light level transmitted by the display in accordance with the song being played.

6. The system of claim **1**, wherein the display is configured to present text or graphics, the light level being configured to provide a visual stimulus for relaying information about the selected playlist to an area around the system.

7. The system of claim **1**, wherein the light level is configured to operate in a first light mode providing constant luminance to the display and a second light mode that provides varying luminance for relaying information to a surrounding of the system, wherein an alternation between the first and second light modes occurs upon selection of standard or enhanced lighting.

8. The system of claim **1**, wherein the selected playlist is configured to be created on a remote computing device separate from and remote to the processor.

9. A portable communication device, comprising:

a display configured emit light at a light level and to display at least a graphical user interface (GUI), wherein the GUI is configured to display a plurality of playlists, wherein each playlist of the plurality of playlists comprises a plurality of songs;

an input device configured to receive a selection of a playlist from the plurality of playlists; and

a processor configured to alternate the light level between light modes of a plurality of light modes in response to the selection of the playlist, which is selected from the plurality of playlists, wherein the processor is configured to flash the light level using a preset intensity pattern assigned to the selected playlist.

10. The portable communication device of claim **9**, wherein the plurality of playlists comprises another playlist that corresponds to the music mode.

11. The portable communication device of claim **10**, wherein the music mode varies the light level transmitted by the display in accordance with the song being played.

12. The portable communication device of claim **9**, wherein the playlist is configured to be created on a remote computing device separate from and remote to the portable communication device.

13. The portable communication device of claim **12**, comprising a wireless communication module configured to wirelessly couple the remote computing device to the portable communication device.

14. The portable communication device of claim **12**, wherein the remote computing device comprises a personal computer, a cellular telephone, a portable media player, or any combination thereof.